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SUBJECT: GVN REACTS PROMPTLY TO RECENT MEETING OF EXPATRIATES WITH
"PRG" IN PARIS

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1. "RADIO LIBERATION" BROADCAST ON NOVEMBER 7 AN ACCOUNT OF A MEETING HELD RECENTLY IN PARIS BETWEEN "PRG" REPRESENTATIVES AND THE LEADERS OF THE "COMMITTEE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES IN SVN" (CPDLSVN) (REF A). ATTENDING FROM THE COMMITTEE WERE REPORTEDLY HO THONG MINH, DO KHAC MAI, NGO CONG DUC, PHAM THE TRUC, NGO VAN TRUONG, NGUYEN THAI SON, CAO HUY THUAN, NGUYEN GIAP THOI, VU THANH HANH, AND NGUYEN TUNG. "PRG" DEL CHIEF NGUYEN VAN HIEU REPORTEDLY SPOKE FOR THE COMMUNISTS.

2. ACCORDING TO "RADIO LIBERATION," THE MEETING ACCOMPLISHED AN"EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS IN A SPIRIT OF CONSTRUCTIVE EQUALITY, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT" AND THOSE ATTENDING REACHED THE FOLLOWING "CONCLUSIONS": THAT PEACE CAN BE ATTAINED ONLY BY THE
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STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY "THE

PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE CEASEFIRE, THE GUARANTEE OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES, RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND THE FORMATION AT AN EARLY DATE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD." ADDITIONAL DEMANDS WERE LISTED: THE END OF US "MILITARY INVOLVEMENT AND INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SVN"; FOR THE RIGHT OF THE "THIRD FORCE" TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE; AND FOR THE RELEASE OF "ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS BELONGING TO THE THIRD FORCE." FINALLY, ACCORDING TO "RADIO LIBERATION," THE TWO PARTIES AGREED TO MEET AGAIN.

3. ON NOVEMBER 8 GVN SPOKESMAN BUI BAO TRUC COMMENTED THAT THE EXPATRIATES ATTENDING THE REPORTED PARIS MEETING "HAD NO RIGHT TO TALK OF PEACE... THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED NOTHING TO THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE." TRUC NOTED THAT THE EXPATRIATES HAD FAILED TO NOTE THE AGGRESSION FROM NVN OR THE COMMUNISTS' NUMEROUS CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS. THE FAILURE TO FORM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD IS THE COMMUNISTS' FAULT, HE POINTED OUT. FINALLY, ON THE DEMAND THAT THE US STOP INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SVN TRUC COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS: "THIS IS A PURPOSELESS DEMAND, BECAUSE THE US INVOLVEMENT HERE HAS ENDED."
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